

Peanuts Are Dangerous— If You Inhale, That Is

Two harmless appearing objects—a peanut and a golf tee—can be dangerous at times.

A popular exhibit at the recent AMA Convention in San Francisco dramatically demonstrated serious problems posed when peanuts, golf tees, or other objects are sucked down the windpipe. The exhibit was prepared by Dr. Joel J. Pressman, Dr. Mario Acquaroli, and Mildred V. Burtz of the UCLA Medical School.

Among children under six, choking on peanuts, safety

pins, and other objects is the leading cause of death in the home—ahead of burns, falls, poisoning, being trapped in a small space, or suffocating in plastic bags or bedding.

ONCE A peanut slips down the windpipe of a youngster and lodges in his bronchi, it may go unnoticed after a momentary fit of coughing. It may not even show up in X-rays because its soft composition may prevent visualization.

Eventually real trouble may occur. Oil from the peanut is toxic to delicate bron-

chial and lung tissue and may cause a pneumonia-like condition. Even though specific surgical instruments are available to remove peanuts, tiny fragments may break off during removal and cause more trouble.

Dad many not have trouble with peanuts. But a goft tee held between his lips may suddenly be plunged down his windpipe into his lungs when a well-meaning partner slaps him on the back for "birdying" the last hole.

MOM COULD strangle on a piece of steak because Dad

told a funny joke while she was eating. Grandmother and Grandad may have trouble with chicken bones. Their dentures make their mouth less sensitive, and such bones may pass unnoticed, lodging in their esophagus so that they have serious difficulty swallowing.

There are more than 250 special instruments available to surgeons to extract the wide variety of objects that may lodge in the windpipe, lungs, or esophagus. Each object presents a special problem, depending on its size, shape, and where it lodges. Before surgery is attempted, surgeons go through a dress rehearsal with a similar object.

A few simple don'ts can space such trouble. Don't give your young children nuts or nut candy or leave small objects in reach. Don't put in-

Missionary to Conduct Service In Harbor City

The Rev. Mattie Sensabaugh, a Central American missionary now on furlough, will speak at a missionary service Friday, Aug. 14, at the Harbor City Foursquare Church, 835 W. 255th St.

The Rev. Sensabaugh has served in Central America since 1945, and is presently stationed at a mission in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

The Rev. Marion Plies, pastor of the Harbor City church, said the public is invited to attend the special service.

edible substances in your mouth or talk or laugh with food in your mouth.

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